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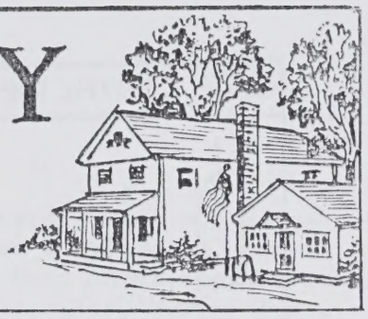

December, 1975

OUR TOWN

Henry Knox Comes to Monterey on Sunday, January 11

The Henry Knox Trail Reenactment, a march of 300 miles which officially begins the nation's Bicentennial Year celebrations, will arrive in Monterey on Sunday, January 11, between four and five in the afternoon. The group of approximately 50 people will remain here for its second overnight stay in Massachusetts (the march began December 10 at Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y.) and will be housed and fed by Monterey families.

Alfred W. Robbins, a 45-year-old traffic engineer employed by the New York State Department of Transportation, will play the role of Henry Knox, a 25-year-old bookseller from Boston who, with his men, hauled cannons through the wilderness to Boston, where their arrival helped General George Washington drive the British out of the city. After Knox completed his trip 200 years ago he found he had been appointed a colonel commanding the artillery of the Revolutionary Army. He subsequently became a major general, succeeded Washington as commander-in-chief of the army, and became America's first Secretary of War.

Like the original Henry Knox, Mr. Robbins will be bringing cannon drawn by oxen teams, a company of foot soldiers and cavalry. Unlike the original, our 1976 Henry Knox will also be accompanied by a company of the National Guard, three horse-drawn wagons carrying souvenirs and brochures, representatives from the national press services and the state Bicentennial Commission. All the reenactment volunteers will be authentically costumed in buckskin. The cannon are all museum pieces, none capable of being fired.

Monterey's Henry Knox Day will follow the schedule below:

Monterey Arrival (Village Center) -- Between 4 and 5 p.m.
Sunday, January 11

Welcoming Ceremony -- Junction Rte. 23 and Tyringham Road
and Parade Between 5 and 6 p.m.

Bicentennial Community Church Service -- Between 6 and 7 p.m.
The Monterey Church By Candlelight

Dinner for the Henry Knox Marchers -- Church Social Room
Served by Girl Scouts Immediately Following Service

Host Families Pick Up Their Marcher Guests Following Dinner

Night Watch -- Greene Park -- Marchers and Monterey Boy Scouts

Departure for East Otis -- Monday, January 12 -- 8 a.m.

Monterey young people will be asked to care for the horses and oxen during the night. Monterey Girl Scouts, under the direction of Miss Adrienne O'Connell, will coordinate and serve the dinner, to which individual families here will be asked to contribute covered dishes, coffee and dessert. Anyone interested in contributing food for the dinner is asked to get in touch with Miss O'Connell immediately.

Monterey Boy Scouts, directed by their leaders, will be invited to stand watch with the foot soldiers during the night in Greene Park, where the cannon and other equipment will be standing. The Scouts will also keep alight an eternal flame which will go with the marchers to Boston.

Mr. Sheldon Fenn and Chief Douglas Lyman are in charge, with Scout leaders, of all youth activity for the march.

Mrs. Linda Hebert is in charge of the marchers' overnight accommodations. Overnight hosts are encouraged to give the marchers breakfast before they set out on their Monday morning trek.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday 10:30 a.m. . . . Church School each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .

Christmas Events — Children's Christmas Party Friday, December 19, 7:00 p.m., in the church sanctuary. The program will be put on by a number of the youth organizations in the town. Gifts for children through the second grade. All are invited. . . . Christmas Sunday Worship, December 21, 10:30 a.m. . . . Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 21, 7:30 p.m. Re-stating the Christmas drama through scripture, song and light. The whole community welcomed. . . . Christmas Caroling, Tuesday, December 23, 6:30 p.m. For the young in heart of all ages. Caroling for sick and shut-in persons, ending with coffee, cocoa and cookies. "O come, let us adore Him."

Annual Meeting — The Annual Meeting of our congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 18, beginning with the morning worship. There will be the hearing of reports, election of officers and adoption of a budget. A potluck luncheon will be enjoyed at the noon hour.

Henry Knox Trail Celebration — The Henry Knox Trail enactment will involve Monterey on Sunday, January 11. The 38 men making the trip on foot to Boston will arrive on January 11. They will be fed in the church social ro by the Girl Scouts. There is to be a service of worship honorin the men making that trip -- then and now -- in the evening. The participants will then be housed in Monterey for the night before continuing the trip to Boston. Further publicity concerning the events will be given nearer the time of the re-enactment.

WHEN GOD A BABE DID CHOOSE TO BE

When God a babe did choose to be,
The stars with wonder shook,
For never had such majesty
Assumed so mild a look.
Then angels blossomed in the skies,
As bright as daffodils,
And shepherds shielded dazzled eyes,
That midnight on the hills.

When God a babe did choose to be,
All power to earth came down,
To show us erring men how we
Might bear a thorny crown,
Might face a cross, with no retreat,
That truth should still live on
And rise with nail-holes in her feet
To walk across the dawn.

Margery Mansfield

RELATIONSHIP AND LEARNING

A week spent in the Riverdale section of New York City recently made a strange contribution to my education. In the section in which we were staying the streets were going and coming at all sorts of angles. I found it hard to maintain a sense of direction in this crazy-quilt pattern. I walked this territory quite often. After parking the car I walked several days what I felt was the shortest distance to the apartment where we were staying. Suddenly it dawned upon me that I had perceived very poorly the relationship of the various streets and was walking nearly twice as far as I needed to. I was shocked to realize that I had so miserably failed to picture the relationship of the various streets.

In another instance I headed west and planned to walk to the Hudson River. After walking some time, I found that I had traveled mostly toward the south and was no closer to the Hudson River than when I began. It was disconcerting to find that my sense of direction was so warped. My "feelings" were seeming to be an extremely poor guide.

As a result of some of these kinds of experiences I began to make myself much more responsible for careful observation. I started noticing more accurately the angles at which the streets came together. I paid more attention to bends in the streets. I started making mental notes on how the larger buildings stood in relation to each other. I tried to take in a broader perspective on what I was seeing and sought to look beyond just the immediate foreground in which I was walking. I also paid more attention to the sun (if it was shining). Behold, I found that by studying all the relationships I could observe I became much more efficient in my rambling walks through this territory.

As I come to think about it, my "walk through life" is not unlike my Riverdale experience. How much time, energy, emotion, life-force is wasted simply because I fail to observe relationships. I love to garden. Yet, however much I love gardening, if I fail to observe that two kinds of plants placed in proximity to each other cause each to produce better, I may go on for years wasteful of space and energy by putting them on opposite sides of the garden. My family laughs at the way I tie my shoes. As a child I devised for myself an awkward way of getting the job done. It worked, even though it was clumsy. This way is now ingrained in my system. I have never made the effort to work out a more efficient way.

Even with the friendly laughter of my family I have never been troubled enough by my awkward shoe-tying to struggle for a different relationship between laces and fingers. What does trouble me, though, is the question, "In how many other ways is my life being wasted by my blindness to relationships? In what ways am I perpetuating childish, immature, unthinking patterns in my life-style, simply because I do not discipline myself to keep searching out new dimensions of relationship in all parts of my life?" The unnerving fact is that suppose I actually lived in Riverdale, and suppose I failed early to notice that I was walking twice as far as I needed to, once this pattern was set I might go on this way years on end and never notice.

The higher the level of activity, the more subtle are these relationships. Suppose I am a door-to-door salesman. It is very possible that I may literally "do my best" for years, but it never dawns upon me to observe that fewer doors open to me on the days I wear a green suit as over against the days I wear gray. I just haven't noticed this relationship, so my natural liking for green has unwittingly been doing me in in my chosen endeavor.

Take this same thing to still a higher level. In interpersonal relations I may go on for years refusing to see, to observe that a particular thing I am doing throws up a wall with my wife or my colleagues. Since I can't see anything I have to do with it, then I start blaming the cussed, obstinate streak that exists in them.

Take this to still a higher level. What is this quality we refer to as "the spiritual" within persons? Maybe it has much more to do with our care for relationship than we ordinarily let ourselves believe. Indeed, life proves to be an intricate network of relationships. I have a notion that the truly spiritual person is one who has a deep reverence for these relationships. The spiritual is often referred to as the unseen. Both true and untrue. We cannot be human without much that is spiritual playing throughout our lives. Yet the spiritual is also that great body of relationships that still lie beyond our observation and recognition. Happy is that person who lives day by day waiting for new opportunities to see.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

On November 19 Monterey Grange observed grandparents' night, with grandparents furnishing a program of games, skits, reading, songs and quizzes on Thanksgiving. The card party held recently was a success. Monterey Grange also won third prize for their Youth Report. Pirate Bingo was enjoyed at the December 3 meeting. On December 17 there was no meeting but there was a program at 7:00 followed by a covered dish supper for members, their families and friends. The Grange will meet on January 21 for their annual Youth Night.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

LADIES' AID

The Ladies' Aid is again calling for old sheets to make into bandages for lepers, etc. This historical group, which keeps alive the 19th century tradition of "good works," welcomes all women of the community. It usually meets every other Thursday afternoon, except in summer and early fall. This season it has had its annual business meeting at Mrs. Miner's, a work meeting at Helen McKay's and its Christmas meeting (the only meeting with a religious program) at Gertrude Gould's on December 11.

Margery Janes

NEW MARLBORO-MONTEREY PTA

The New Marlboro-Monterey PTA is sponsoring a ski program for the elementary school children -- lessons and weekly skiing at Catamount through January and February. The PTA had a very successful toy sale on December 9 and 10. The spring meetings will commence after February, at which time we can start planning for the Open House.

Cynthia Weber
President

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4-H NEWS

Achievement Night was held this year on November 21 at Otis Town Hall. Groups attending were Blandford-Otis and Monterey. Approximately 30 members, leaders and parents from Monterey attended the program. Kathy Schwab, 4-H agent from Pittsfield, showed slides on 4-H. The Blandford-Otis club presented a play on 4-H Past, Present and Future. The Monterey Roadrunners Horse Club had a table display on different types of horses and on different kinds of bridles. The Monterey Lick'em and Stick'em Stamp Club showed a poster made up of all the Bicentennial stamps pertaining to Boston. The Monterey Greenthumbs had a table display entitled "Fall Harvest," which consisted of all kinds of vegetables that were the last to be harvested.

The members were presented their awards and 4-H calendars by Kathy Schwab. Refresh ments were served by the Blandford-Otis Clubs.

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YOUTH NEWS -- continued

On November 14 the Great Barrington Lions Club held their Capon Night for the Monterey and Barrington 4-H members. Growers took their largest bird to the St. Peter's Youth Center and had it weighed by Mr. Donald Kelso, 4-H agent. First prize and Grand Champion went to Kristine Heath for her bird that weighed 11 lbs. 11 oz. Kenneth Heath tied for second place, William Bynack received third prize and Wendy Bynack tied for fourth.

On November 25 the Sheffield Kiwanis Club held their Capon Banquet at Caesar's Restaurant. Two 4-H members from Monterey were sponsored by that club. The purple rosette ribbon for the heaviest capon, Grand Champion, went to Shawn Ryder. His bird weighed in at 11 lbs. 2 oz. Scott Ryder received a blue ribbon for his capon. Shawn elaborated to the group the benefits of the 4-H Capon Project and his Kiwanis Sponsorship.

The 4-H Leaders' and Awards Banquet was held at the Stanley Club in Pittsfield on November 28. Receiving county medals from Monterey were Susan Heath for Horse, Shawn Ryder for Photography and Horticulture, Kenneth Heath for Swine and Kristine Heath for Food and Nutrition and Swine.

Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Club

At our December 1st meeting we studied and had a test on "The Gaits of the Horse" and "The Parts of a Western Saddle." Our next meeting will be on January 5, 1976.

Christine Papp
News Reporter

Monterey Panhandlers 4-H Cooking Club

We have made this past month the following recipes: Apple Dessert Casserole, Gingerbread, Sweet Potato Casserole and Clam-Corn Chowder.

Kristine Heath
Junior Leader

Monterey Greenthumbs and Wooly, Feather, Fur Farmers

The combined clubs held a craft meeting on November 13. Many thanks go to Mrs. Sue MacIver for donating the craft kits to the boys and girls. The December meeting was the Christmas Workshop.

Monterey Christmas Workshop

The Christmas Workshop this year was a tremendous success, with 50 boys and girls attending. Everyone was able to make at least two projects. Most materials were donated by leaders and friends of the Monterey children, such as Mrs. Pauline Roberts, Mrs. Susan Le Prevost, Mrs. Gail Heath, Mrs. Mary Heath, Mrs. Irene Smith, Mrs. Iris Sluka, Mrs. Pat Andrus, Mrs. Lois Ryder, Mrs. Marie O'Connor and Mrs. Maxine Labrecque. Many thanks go to these women for helping make the workshop such a success.

Monterey Church Youth Group

The Youth Group have been spending most of their meetings on practicing for a play for the Town Christmas Party.

BOY SCOUTS

Both the Webelos and Cub Scouts attended the Christmas Workshop in Monterey. The Webelos are working on the Woodworking Badge. They plan on going to Earl Champigny's for instruction in woodcrafts. This is planned for the December and January meetings. The Cub Scouts are decorating baby food jars and filling them with candy for Christmas. They will make two apiece and give one to a shut-in and keep one for themselves. This is Cub Scouts Give Good Will month.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Juniors are working on the Arts in the Round Badge and the Observer. The Brownies have been working on Christmas decorations and are planning on participating in the Town Christmas Party.

MONTEREY TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Monterey children's Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 19, at 7 o'clock at the church. Santa is expected to make an appearance, with a gift for all children from birth through second grade.

To continue this annual event we are asking for donations, which can be sent to:

Mrs. Barbara Gauthier
Main Road
Monterey

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